

General Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2017

President Peter Winters called the July meeting of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society's General Meeting to order at 1835 hrs. He led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and started the introductions of everyone present at the meeting. 21 people attended the meeting.

Sickness Health and Welfare: Shaina Gilbreath fell and broke a bone and is currently in the hospital recuperating. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her and her family.

A moment of silence was observed.

Secretary's report: Gregory had nothing to report.

Treasurer's report: Susan showed us the June accounts and the numbers balanced. **A Motion was put to the floor to approve the Treasurer's report it was seconded and approved by the general membership.**

Webmaster's report: The webmaster Bob Guertin reported that our new website is up and running. It is at WWW.gars.club. He and Larry are working out the details on the new site.

ARES report: Jeff visited the Dixie Amateur Radio Club. They only have 4 or 5 members but they are willing to join our club, amongst others, in North Florida to band together in an emergency operations network. Jeff is also working with the EOC to motivate them to put up the antennas and install the equipment at the two emergency shelters, one being at the Senior Center on NW. 34th St. near the new Walmart, and the Newberry shelter at the Newberry Archery Center.

Repeater Trustee/VP: it seems that the 985 repeater is working and not working depending on how it feels at the moment. Shannon said he'd be looking at it over the next couple of days. Shannon reported that the organization known as the Florida Repeater Council, has undergone a re organization within its governing body. All of the clubs repeaters are registered with their system, and are good order for maintaining their data base.

Field Day: was a very successful event. We got one contact to and from Puerto Rico. We also got some straight key contacts. Rosemary Jones KI4QBZ, got 16 digital contacts, and she had just learned the day before how to use the digital equipment. Shannon Boal got 63 phone contacts. All in all, a good day. Congratulations to all our operators.

President's report: New Business: Pete asked for volunteers to give the program for our October General Meeting, which will be October 17, 2017. August, the program will be given by Gregory Sporer. His program will be about emergency backup power using a deep cycle battery, a trickle charger, and an inverter.

Programs: the executive board is looking for volunteers to present programs in future months. If no one volunteers everyone's name will be put into a hat and a name will be chosen for the next month that we need a program given. So, think about a program you might like to give you will be given 60 days to prepare. You can either get up in front of the club or you can get someone to present it for you.

In September Mr. Rob Carr, chief engineer of channel 5 WUFT will give us a tour of the WUFT transmitter site. The site is located on NW. 53rd Ave. Please come to the Trinity United Methodist Church at 6:30 PM and park. We'll then carpool over to the repeater site because there is not enough room for all of us to park there, thank you.

Art Grant, KM4YGH, has set up a website to get Ham information all in one place called I.C.A.R.E. It will be a site to visit to find out what's going on in the North Florida Ham world. Things like events, classes, meeting dates and times, etc. the name of the website is the acronym, I.C.A.R.E.Org. WWW.interclubamateurradioexchange.org Yes, it is a very long web address to type, but fortunately you only should have to type it once or twice and then it will be in your computer.

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If you want to get in touch with Art, type all of that again and add [@Gmail.com](mailto:Art@Gmail.com) Art apologized for the long website name but unfortunately it was the best he could get from QTH, the same company that's handling our new website.

Art mentioned that as a Santa Fe College instructor, he has accepted a position as an advisor to the Santa Fe College Amateur Radio Club. The club has a chance to get a \$2000 grant if they can raise \$500. This money will be used to buy and set up the equipment they need to get them back on the air. Get in touch with Art Grant, KM4YGH, at his e-mail address, grant1405@Gmail.com. For more information about donations. Art may also be reached by phone at (352) – 262 – 4686.

A Motion was put to the floor to adjourn the meeting it was seconded and unanimously approved at 2000 hrs.

May God, bless you, and God bless America.

Gregory C Sporer, KM4OCZ

Secretary, GARS.